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Applicant: Horst Gafe, et al.  
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For: HIGH SPEED SHEARING MACHINE FOR HOT CUTTING OF BAND IRON  
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AMENDMENT

S I R:

Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of the original shortened statutory period set in the Office Action of May 5, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$430 in payment of the government fee for a two-month extension of time.

In response to the Office action dated May 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.